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MCC to launch QR code for easy water bill payment

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, July 23- The Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the water supply arm of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which continues to make technological advancements to enhance consumer experience, will soon launch a dynamic QR code system for water bill payments.

Through this system, which will be implemented within a week, a QR (Quick Response) code will be printed on each consumer's water bill, allowing them to make payments in seconds.

The decision to introduce the QR code-based payment was finalised at a meeting held on July 6 that was chaired by MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy.

VVWW Executive Engineer (EE) Suvarna and representatives from a software company that is behind the innovative system participated.

With the new system, the consumer will simply have to scan the QR code from their Android or iPhone using apps such as Google Pay, Amazon Pay, Bhim, PhonePe etc. The bill details along with the amount to be paid will appear on the screen. The consumer simply has to press the 'pay' tab and payment will be complete.

The details of payment will appear on the screen and the consumer will also receive an intimation via SMS. The amount will automatically be deducted from the linked bank account and the entire payment process can be completed in a few seconds.

QR code-based payment is more efficient, less time-consuming, error-free, more secure and tamper-proof. According to Suvarna, each customer's bill will have a different QR code and the code changes every month. If another customer scans the code that is already assigned to someone else's bill, they will not receive the bill details.

Additionally, using one month's bill that has a QR code to pay for a different month's bill is also not possible.

"The code printed on each bill is specifically assigned for the payment of that particular month. Customers can simply scan it with their mobile phones and make the payment within 30 seconds," Suvarna explained.

Until now, for the water bill payments, customers had to visit cash counters to make cash payments. There are over 1,70,000 official water customers in Mysuru and they will receive their printed water bills soon with QR code so that they can pay the bill from the comforts of their homes.

The Corporation is also making efforts to convert approximately 19,000 to 20,000 illegal water connections into official ones with ease, extending the reach of the QR code system to all customers, Suvarna added.

The system would help one make the payment without cash or debit/credit card. The formalities for the facility were almost complete and the system would be implemented after getting the green signal from the MCC heads.

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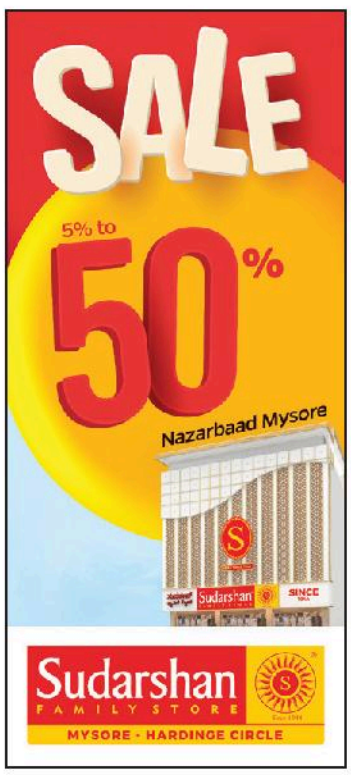

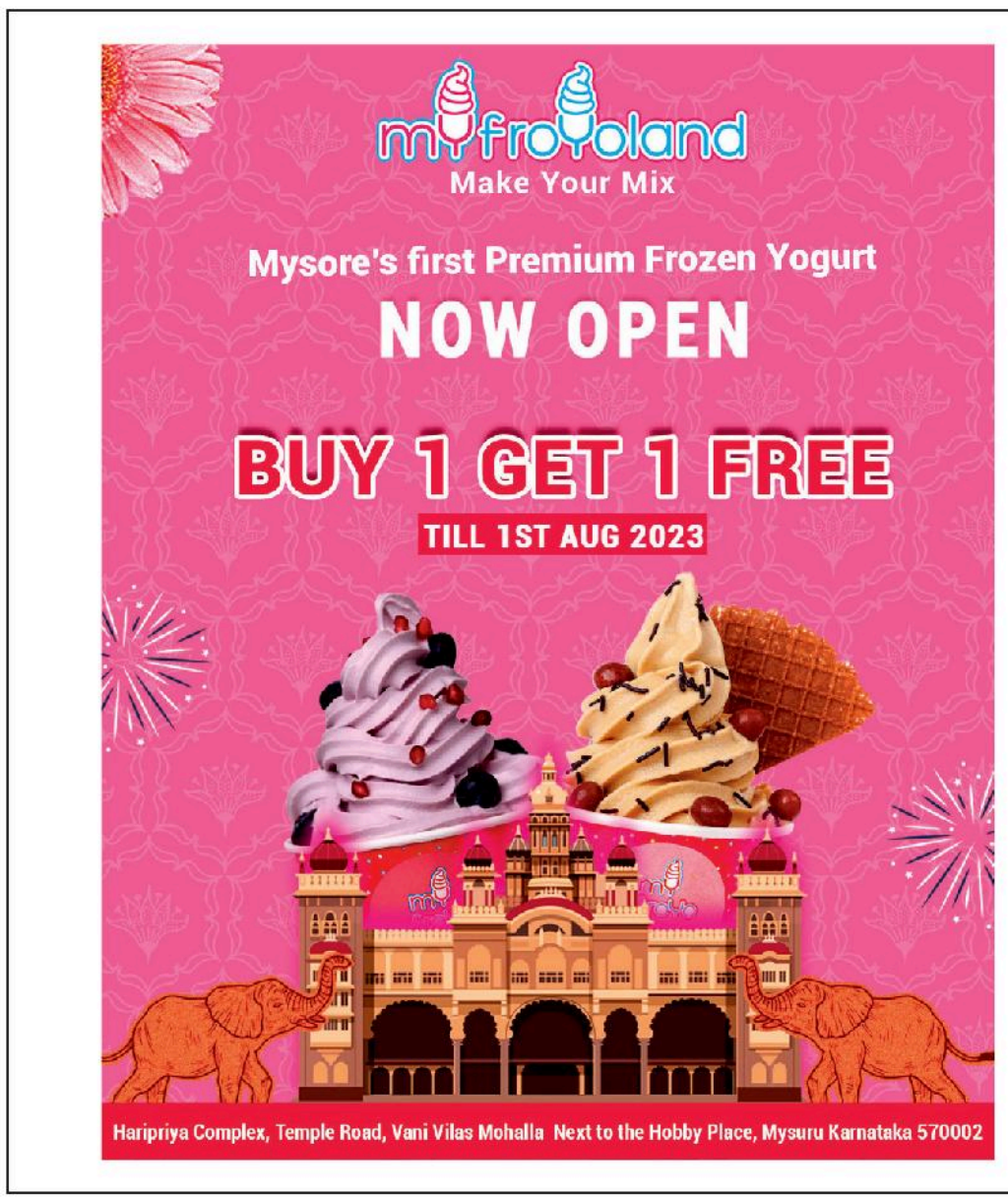
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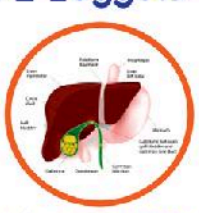
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 23rd July 2023

Study materials distributed to students of adopted Govt. School

Mysuru, July 23- Sri Sthanakwasi Jain Yuva Sangathan, Mysuru, recently distributed study materials, water bottles, bags and other stationery items to the students studying in their adopted Government Primary School in Lashkar Mohalla.

On the occasion, Mysuru North BEO Krishna, CEOs Nagendra and Kantharaju, CRP B. Raghu, Head Master H.D. Ravish, Deputy Head Master Vishwanath, Yuva Sangathan Past President Rajan Baghmar, Manohar Shankala, President Rakesh Bantia, Secretary Kiran Salecha, Vice-President Navratan Darla, Treasurer Vikas Darla, Joint Secretary Dinesh Pipada, School Committee Chairman Abhishek Singhavi and Bharat Patwa were present.

Wheelchair donated

Another Jain organisation, Helping Hands, under its Health Project, donated wheelchair to Siddaraju, a student studying at Govt. Higher Primary School in K. Hemmanahalli, Bogadi.

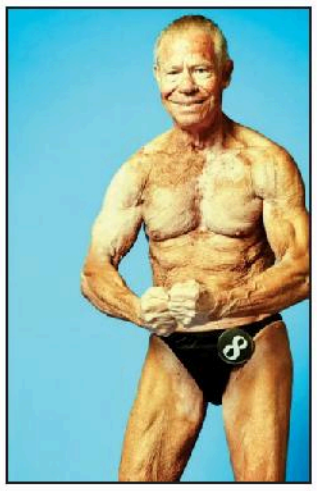
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The State attracts approximately 12 percent of India's domestic tourists, making it the third most appealing destination among Indian States. Karnataka's tourism focuses on religious, eco, adventure, cultural, rural, wellness, mining, weekend getaways and geo-tourism, among others. Most domestic tourists visit Karnataka to see Palaces, temples, waterfalls and water parks. However, in general, there is a lack of public awareness regarding mining tourism and geo-tourism packages. Mining-tourism and geo-heritage sites are locations of rare and unique geological significance, featuring caves, natural rock sculptures and distinctive geomorphology. Preserving and protecting these mining, geo-tourism and geo-heritage sites is crucial for mining-geological studies, education, research and the benefit of future generations, as they represent non-renewable assets. Unfortunately, some rare geo-heritage sites are disappearing due to vandalism, quarrying, urbanisation and industrialisation. Therefore, all mining and geo-heritage sites require protection and conservation.

Establishing a museum showcasing ancient to modern mining methods, archaeological aspects and other relevant elements would be an attractive and educational tourist destination, offering scientific importance, visual appeal and social and cultural significance. Karnataka's mining areas are surrounded by lush green forests, semi-tribal settlements, modern biofuel ventures and remarkable temples and architecture. Notably, even smaller abandoned mines with old mining installations, like the one in Johannesburg, South Africa, attract a large number of tourists. Mining and geo-tourism in Karnataka will stimulate curiosity among the general public and researchers alike. —*Prabhakar Sangurmath in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

At 90, he's oldest body-builder



California: A California man who was named the world's oldest body-builder in 2015 had his title updated when he participated in a recent competition at age 90.

Jim Arrington, who was first named the world's oldest body-builder by Guinness World Records at age 83, broke his own record by participating in an International Federation of Body-Building and Fitness Professional League event in Reno, Nev.

Arrington placed third in the men's over-70 category at the event, and first in the over-80 category. Arrington, who still spends two hours at the gym three days a week, said holding the world record "opened an entire new universe."

Postcard from 1969 delivered in 2023

Maine: A Maine woman was stunned to receive a postcard that turned out to have been sent from Paris, France, in 1969. Jessica Means, who has lived in her Portland home for 17 years, said she initially thought the postcard in her mailbox must have been delivered to the wrong address.

The postcard, bearing the image of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Rene A. Gagnon and signed by someone named Roy.

The postcard appears to bear a French postmark from March 15, 1969, but also has a new stamp and a July 12, 2023, postmark from Tallahassee, Fla. "I'd really like to say thank you to whoever decided to put a stamp on the postcard and drop it in the mail on July 12. I'm sure they knew the intended recipients were long gone," she said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Daily exercise can help you to maintain a healthy heart.

By Dr. Bipin Chandra Aditya Dasari - Consultant – Cardiology – Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Differently-abled walk to beat plastic pollution

Mysuru, July 23- As part of World Environment Day, EquiBeing Foundation, along with District Disability Welfare Office, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled (JSS PDA), had organised 'Hasiru Drishti,' a walkathon to beat plastic pollution recently.

Dr. V. Ananthalakshmi, Chairman and Managing Trustee, EquiBeing Foundation and B. Elangovan, Principal, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled, spoke on the occasion,

Around 700 students and more than 100 staff members from JSS PDA were part of the event.

Earlier in the day, wildlife photography was also inaugurated at JSS PDA campus. Around 100-plus wildlife photographs were displayed.

The walkathon, which was flagged off at Crawford Hall, passed through Kukkarahalli Lake, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) and culminated at JSS PDA (SJCE campus). Nearly 1,000 differently-abled people, not only from across the district but also from neighbouring districts, took part in the walkathon.

REALLY...?

- ***Most of the fruit orchards of the Himalayas lie in the Vale of Kashmir and in the Kullu Valley of Himachal Pradesh. Fruits such as apples, peaches, pears, and cherries — for which there is a great demand in the cities of India — are grown extensively.***
- ***On the shores of Dal Lake in Kashmir, there are rich vineyards that produce grapes used to make wine and brandy. On the hills surrounding the Vale of Kashmir grow walnut and almond.***
- ***Bhutan also has fruit orchards and exports oranges to India.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Q: **What do you call a dog that can tell time?***

*A: **A watch dog!***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.98
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.32
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.24

VOICE OF THE READER

Cases of increasing number of missing persons

Sir,

We regularly read in the newspapers about persons going missing, almost everyday. Since nearly a decade, this item has become an usual and a regular feature of all newspapers in city.

Thousands of people have gone missing, without being traced. As this enigmatic issue has become a routine thing, no one appears to take a serious view of the situation.

It is a mystery, possibly with dangerous ramifications, needs to be solved in the interest of all. **A separate cell needs to be created in all Police Stations for maintaining records and tracing the missing people.**

Hope immediate action would be taken in the matter to set right the position.

—G.S.S. Murthy
Vidyaranyapuram
18.7.2023

Manipur...

Sir,

During World War II, Moirang was the headquarters of Indian National Army (INA). Colonel Shaukat Malik of the INA hoisted the Tricolour for the first time on Indian soil on April 14, 1944, in Moirang with the help of Manipuris like Mairembam Koireng Singh and others who were members of the INA. The INA Museum at Moirang displays some wartime relics and photographs.

I was in this historical museum during my one of many visits to Imphal, Manipur — years 1977-89.

Manipuris are patriotic and nationalists. It is an extremely beautiful State.

— Dilip Misra
Camp: USA
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Grand Hyundai EXTER launched at Star Hyundai

KPR Group of Companies (Star Hyundai) Managing Director P.V. Jayaram, his son Hemanth, *Star of Mysore* ***Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna, Head of Administration and PR at JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. Yashvanth and Vivek of Chirag Ads & Events seen during the launch all-new Hyundai EXTER at Star Hyundai in Bannimantap recently. Jayaram said: "We are thrilled with the overwhelming response we received for the launch of the all-new Hyundai EXTER. This remarkable vehicle represents a milestone in Hyundai's commitment to excellence, and we are proud to bring it to our valued customers in Mysuru. We are grateful for the presence of esteemed guests and our cherished customers, whose support and trust inspire us to continuously raise the bar."***

Mysuru girl aces International Mathematics Olympiad

Mysuru, July 23- Nirvriti Praveen of Class 1 from NPS International School, Mysuru, has secured Rank 1 at the International level in the SOF International Mathematics Olympiad conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) 2022-2023.

In the academic year 2022-23, millions of students appeared for the Olympiad exams from over 70,000 schools in more than 1,400 cities. Scoring a perfect centile in the questions that demand lateral and logical thinking apart from Mathematical skills is not an easy task. The 7-year-old aced the exam with a perfect score to stand first at the international level.

Nirvriti Praveen

Nirvriti is the daughter of Dr. Aathira Ravindranath and Dr. Praveen Chandrashekar who works at Apollo Hospital, Mysuru.

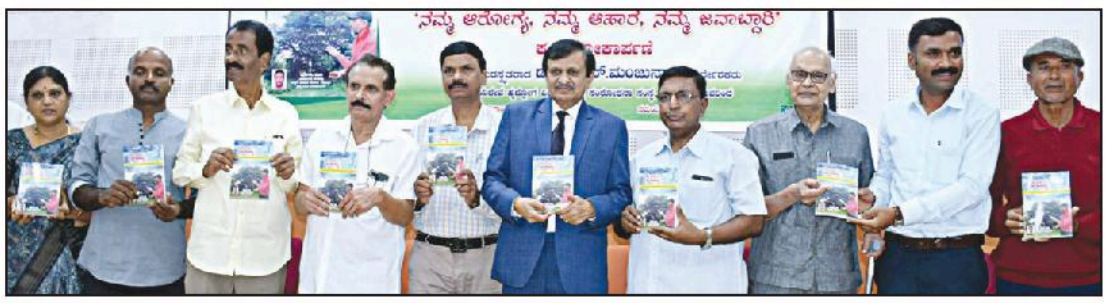
Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, July 23- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will take up 2nd quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Yelwal and 66/11 KV Jayapura Power Distribution Centres, power supply will be disrupted in the following ares between 10 am and 6 pm tomorrow (July 24):

66/11 KV Yewal Power Distribution Centre: Yelwal, Hale-kamanakoppalu, Maidanahalli, Megalapura, Bhadregowdanakoppal, Chikkegowdanakoppal, Hosakote, Sarakatte, Yachegowdanahalli, Dadakanahalli, Ramenahalli, Yadahalli, Kallur, Naganahalli, Gungralchatra, Chatrada Koppal, Ratnahalli, Veerappanakoppal and surrounding areas.

66/11 KV Jayapura Power Distribution Centre: Villages coming under Jayapura Gram Panchayat (GP) limits, Marballi GP limits, Gopalapura GP limits, Urbur GP limits, Dhanagalli GP limits, Harohalli GP limits and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

'Inhaling polluted air as dangerous as smoking'



Mysuru, July 23 (TRR)- Renowned Cardiologist and Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Dr. C.N. Manjunath has expressed concern over the increased number of heart-related diseases due to air pollution.

He stated that approximately 2.2 million people die each year in the country due to heart diseases and emphasised that inhaling polluted air is as dangerous as smoking. Dr. Manjunath made these remarks while speaking at the release function of a Kannada book titled 'Namma Arogya, Namma Ahara, Namma Javabdari' authored by K.C. Venkatesh. The event was organised jointly by Shivayog Desi Goshale, Vidya Vikas Educational Institutions and Dr. M.H. Marigowda Horticulture Education and Research Foundation at Kaveri Auditorium, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises in city recently.

"To promote better health, products from Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) and fruits and vegetables from Horticulture Produce Cooperative Marketing Society (HOPCOMS) are essential. They are like our two eyes. In India, only about 11 percent of the population consumes fruits and vegetables daily. To increase this percentage, we should all include fruits and vegetables in our dietary habits, he said.

A significant amount of food worth Rs. 90,000 crore is wasted annually at large functions. "We should not offer stale food to anyone but instead provide fresh food to the hungry," he added.

Dr. Manjunath highlighted that 60 percent of India's population is affected by diseases such as high blood pressure and diabetes, which he attributed to changing food habits and lifestyles. He noted that compared to other nations, Indian youths suffer more from diabetes, citing changes in priorities as the reasons for these serious ailments.

Furthermore, Dr. Manjunath underlined the importance of regular exercise, recommending at least one hour of physical activity daily. He mentioned that habits like walking, Yoga, getting sufficient sleep, having meals with family members, laughing, and fostering friendships are all freely available and have no side effects. Such habits help prevent diseases.

In the past six years, Jayadeva Hospital has treated over 6,000 patients for heart-related ailments, with 35 percent of them being below 40 years of age. Heart-related issues are now more prevalent among the youth and middle-aged individuals. Stress-related issues are affecting women around the age of 30, contributing to heart problems. He identified excessive smoking, alcohol consumption, consumption of junk food and unscientific lifestyles as the reasons for these ailments.

Dr. Manjunath regretted that even rural lifestyles are changing, with urban food habits making their way into rural areas. The rural population, who traditionally consumed nutritious foods like ragi, jowar, fruits and vegetables, have now switched to junk food. This shift has resulted in a higher incidence of heart-related issues in rural communities as well, he noted.

The event was attended by former MLA Vasu, agriculture expert K.P. Suresh, natural therapist K.S. Giriraju, retired Director of Horticulture Department Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar and others.

NEWS BRIEFS

Five-day event for lecturers

The 5-day National-level Lecturers Development Programme, organised by the Department of Studies and Research in Commerce, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), will be inaugurated at 10 am on July 25 at Cauvery auditorium in KSOU premises here. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa Halase will preside. KSGH Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music & Performing Arts University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote will attend the event.

Kumbara Hostel

Kumbarara Sarvajanika Vidyarthi Nilaya Trust, Mysuru, has invited applications from Kumbara community students studying professional courses such as B.Sc, M.Sc, BE, M.Tech, MBBS etc., for admission to the Trust's free student hostel located on New Kantharaj Urs Road (Opposite Apollo Hospital), Kuvempunagar, in city. Last date for applying along with necessary documents is July 30. [Mob: 96115-99514 or 96861-80254]

Patriotic songs competition

'Jaihind' patriotic song singing competition has been organised by Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust at Jayalakshmi Devi PU College, Ramakrishnanagar, on Aug. 6 (Sunday) at 10 am. The competition is divided into Primary School Division (3rd Std to 7th Std), High School Division, College Division, Women's Division, Men's Division and Senior Citizens Division. [Mob:83103-06882 or 99647-90442]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	91.82 feet
Yesterday	:	91.24 feet
Inflow	:	9,514 cusecs
Outflow	:	5,249 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,275.59 feet
Inflow	:	13,114 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,146 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,855.32 feet
Inflow	:	14,360 cusecs
Outflow	:	20,000 cusecs

BJP protests against 'dictatorial attitude' of State Government

Mysuru, July 23 (PM&TRR)- Criticising the 'dictatorial attitude' of the Siddharamaiah-led State Government, City and Rural BJP units staged a protest in city yesterday.

The BJP activists, who assembled in front Zilla Panchayat Office alleged that Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader had suspended 10 BJP MLAs from the Assembly without giving them an opportunity to discuss people's issues. By also suspending some JD(S) MLAs, the Speaker has displayed 'dictatorial attitude.'

"After assuming Office as the Speaker, he cannot participate in any of the party activities. But Speaker U.T. Khader recently visited a meeting of an alliance of various political party leaders including Congress, met Congress party supremo Sonia Gandhi and had lunch at the conclave of political parties which is deplorable," the angry protestors said and added that the State Government had violated rules by deputing more than 30 IAS Officers of the State to provide hospitality to politicians who attended the conclave and sought Governor's intervention to take a call on this issue.

The protestors charged that the Government had stopped depositing Rs. 4,000 to the accounts of farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi and by cutting financial grants to irrigation projects, the State Government is following anti-farmer policies. They also complained that scholarships that were given to the children of weavers, taxi, cab and auto drivers, fishermen and others have been stopped.

Speaking to media persons, MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that BJP is staging protests at all district centres of the State against the attitude of the State Government.

"The Government didn't give reply to our question as to why IAS Officers were deputed to provide hospitality to persons who doesn't come under protocol. There is a protocol to provide hospitality to Chief Ministers and Ministers. But the State Government had deputed IAS Officers to provide hospitality to Lalu Prasad Yadav and D. Raja who are out on bail," said Srivatsa said.

Criticising Speaker U.T. Khader for his decision to suspend 10 BJP MLAs, Srivatsa pointed out that earlier Zameer Ahmed threw a mike and Siddharamaiah had kicked the door of Assembly. But the BJP didn't suspend them.

Former Ministers, MLAs and MLCs, Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. D. Roopa, BJP leader B.P. Manjunath, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar and others participated.

Gunshots fired at house near Ponnampet in Kodagu

Window glass shattered; family members unhurt as they were sleeping in other room

Madikeri, July 23 (PS&BCT)- In a shocking incident in Kodche village, Ponnampet taluk, miscreants opened fire at the house of Machimada D. Machaiah at approximately 3.15 am on Friday.

The miscreants fired multiple gunshots at the house, which is located in the Balayamundur Gram Panchayat area. Two of the gunshots struck the front door, causing damage to the window glasses and wooden frames. Additionally, the walls of the bedroom were riddled with bullets, leaving shattered glass scattered on the floor and bed.

Fortunately, no one was harmed in the attack as the occupants were asleep and not in the targeted rooms. Machaiah, his wife, daughter and a child were present in the house but were sleeping in another room.

Upon hearing the gunshots, Machaiah's daughter immediately called the emergency number 112, who in turn alerted the jurisdictional Srimangala Police to rush to the place. She also screamed loudly, which alerted the neighbours. Despite their awakening, the neighbours were too frightened to intervene as it was a gunfire incident.

Following the report, local authorities, including the Circle Inspector of Srimangala, promptly visited the house to investigate the incident. Preliminary findings indicate that the attack may have been targeted at Machaiah and his family, though the motive behind the attack is yet to be determined.

The residents of the village are in shock and have demanded increased security measures in the area to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. The Police have registered a case and initiated a thorough investigation into the matter.

Interestingly, a week prior to this incident, some miscreants had vandalised the same house while the family was away. On that occasion, Machaiah's car windshield was shattered with a stone and nails were driven into the vehicle doors, with oil poured on the seats.

The Police have urged anyone with relevant information about the incident to come forward and assist in the investigation. Meanwhile, the victims of the attack are receiving necessary support and assistance from the villagers.

Two go missing from city

Mysuru, July 23 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons including a senior citizen, have gone missing from city.

In the first case, 72-year-old Subbarao, a resident of SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage, who had gone to Sri Srikanteshwara Temple along with his friends on July 21 and returned with them in a train, has gone missing from Ashokapuram Railway Station in city.

Those having any information about Subbarao, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Subbarao

Subroth Sarkar

In the second case, 33-year-old Subroth Sarkar, an employee of Star Bajaj showroom at Hebbal, who left his house on July 13 at about 1.30 pm, saying that he was going for work, has since gone missing

He is 5.7 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, round faced, normal built, speaks Kannada, Hindi, Bengali and English and was wearing a blue coloured shirt and light brown pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

K. Chandrashekaraiah

Mysuru, July 23- Kellangere Chandrashekaraiah (96), a resident of J.P. Nagar, passed away in city.

A native of Kellangere village in Arasikere taluk of Hassan district, Chandrashekaraiah had served in Government First Grade Colleges at Hassan and Holenarasipur.

He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city.

K.L. Lingaiah

Kollegal: K.L. Lingaiah (81), retired Health Inspector and a resident of Bastipura Road in the town, passed away following brief illness on Friday. He leaves behind his wife Susheelamma, children L. Shashikumar, Director of Urban Planning Department in Bengaluru, Indresh, Latha, Uma, Savitha, Satish, Mahesh, Harish and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Nisarga Farm House at Madhuvanahalli on Gundal Dam Road yesterday afternoon.

20,000 cusecs of water released from Harangi Dam

The inflow was recorded between 16,240 cusecs, 14,360 cusecs and 17,180 cusecs at different intervals this morning.

Water being released from all the four crest gates of the Harangi Dam last evening.

Madikeri, July 23 (PS&BCT)- The Harangi Reservoir's catchment area in Kodagu is currently facing extensive heavy rainfall, leading to a significant rise in water inflow. Consequently, the Reservoir's four crest gates were opened yesterday at 6 pm, releasing a substantial volume of over 20,730 cusecs of water. **This morning, the outflow was recorded at 20,000 cusecs.**

As a precautionary measure, all residents living downstream and alongside the river have been advised to relocate to safer areas, as the water release is expected to increase further in the upcoming days.

The Reservoir has reached its maximum capacity level of 2,859 feet, necessitating the discharge of 20,730 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water due to the sudden surge in water levels. Initially, 5,000 cusecs of water were released downstream, and the quantity was subsequently increased. The released water from the Harangi Dam flows downstream and reaches the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya district.

The responsibility for managing the Reservoir lies with Executive Engineer I.K. Puttaswamy, who confirmed the significant increase in water inflow and the subsequent release. To mark this significant event, a special ceremony was held and Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda performed a ceremonial puja before the water discharge.

The event was attended by other officials from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL). As of now, the Harangi Reservoir has reached an impressive storage of 6.50 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of water out of its total capacity of 7.25 tmcft.

With only 0.75 tmcft of water left to reach its full capacity and the continuous heavy rainfall in the catchment areas of the Harangi, River Cauvery and their tributaries, it is anticipated that the Reservoir will reach its maximum capacity in the coming days. A steady inflow of over 15,000 cusecs has been recorded.

This morning, the water level stands at 2,855.32 feet, which is close to its maximum level of 2,859 feet. Considering the current water inflow, the Reservoir is discharging approximately 20,000 cusecs of water into the river. To prevent sudden surges downstream, Puttaswamy emphasised that the water would be discharged step by step, ensuring a controlled and measured release.

The continuous heavy rainfall in the catchment areas has resulted in towns and villages near the rivers experiencing significant water inflow. Areas such as Madikeri, Galibeedu, Vanachalu, Kalur, Mutlu, Hammiyala, Surlabbi, Hachchinadu, Makkandur and Madapur are particularly affected, witnessing rising water levels and potential flooding risks.

Throughout the day yesterday, the inflow into the Harangi Reservoir has shown significant variations. At 8.30 am, it was measured at 4,460 cusecs, escalating to 8,702 cusecs by noon and eventually reaching a record-breaking 15,000 to 20,730 cusecs in the evening. **This morning at different intervals, the inflow was recorded between 16,240 cusecs, 14,360 cusecs and 17,180 cusecs.**

Considering the ongoing heavy rainfall and the Reservoir's proximity to its maximum capacity, the authorities have urged residents to remain vigilant and take all necessary precautions to protect their properties and personal safety. Staying informed about updates from local authorities and relocating to safer areas, if advised, will be crucial during this period.

The Triveni Sangam at Bhagamandala in Kodagu. Water has entered the road and the incomplete bridge is inconveniencing the commuters. Traffic is often stranded and can move only if the water recedes.

Water gushes out from KRS Dam to VC Canal

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY& BCT)- Following protests from members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) in front of the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited office recently, demanding the immediate release of River Cauvery water to the VC Canal, the Engineers of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya have released water to the Canal, North Gate.

The decision to release water came after copious rains in Kodagu district and the water release from the Harangi Dam, which will eventually reach the KRS Dam. The water level at KRS is rising as a result.

Starting from last evening, water is being released to all the canals of the KRS Dam to help farmers save their standing crops as well as cultivate new crops.

Earlier, the farmers expressed concerns that the standing crops in the Cauvery basin were on the verge of drying up due to the lack of adequate water supply. They complained that the authorities were not releasing water despite the water level being at a comfortable level.

Crops cultivated on lakhs of hectares are now ready for harvesting.

At this critical stage, the failure to provide water could result in significant losses for the farmers, who stand to lose their crops. In response, the farmers set a week's deadline for the release of water. If the authorities fail to meet this deadline, the farmers threatened to intensify their protest further.

City Police Chief inaugurates Youth Club at Mysuru Zoo

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh with Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Mahesh Kumar and Youth Club members at the Zoo premises this morning.

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&DM)- City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh inaugurated the 31st Mysuru Zoo Youth Club for the year 2023, at a programme organised at Amphitheatre in the Zoo premises here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that it is good to note that the number of environment and wildlife enthusiasts is increasing by the day in the context of global threat to our environment. Pointing out that at the same time, public concerns about nature conservation too is on the rise with climate change causing havoc across the globe, the City Police Chief stressed that environment education is vital for climate change management.

Lauding the Mysuru Zoo for forming such Youth Club, he said that focusing on environment, ecology and nature issues is the need of the hour as humanity is facing a lot of challenges due to natural calamities, ecological disasters and the like. He called upon everyone to have concerns and contribute for protecting our nature.

Zoo Executive Director Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Director Roshni and others were present.

About Youth Club

Youth Club is a unique educational programme of Mysuru Zoo for students aged between 12 and 18 years. Only 60 students will be selected based on first-come-first-served basis. The Zoo has successfully organised Youth Club activity for the last 30 years since its initiation and this year is the 31st.

The participants will get exposure on basics of biodiversity, values of wildlife, conservation of wild animals, animal behaviour and captive management of wild animals at Zoo. There will be both theory and practical classes on subjects covering various aspects of these topics.

The classes will be held in the morning (8.30 am to 1.30 pm) on every Sunday in the year, during which subject experts and resource persons will deliver lectures and educate the Club members on a variety of topics concerning wildlife.

Restarting footpath business

MCC warns vendors of levying penalties

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&KS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have warned footpath vendors of imposing fine on them if they restart business on footpaths which have been cleared by MCC.

A few footpath vendors, claiming that they had met Mayor Shivakumar and the Mayor had responded positively to them, were conducting business on the footpaths. MCC officials, who observed it, reached the spot, cleared the footpaths again and warned footpath vendors against conducting business on footpaths.

The MCC officials had cleared footpaths vendors around Mysore Palace, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road (till Bata showroom), Old Bank Road, Makkaji Chowk, Gandhi Square and in front of Town Hall since four days.

Yesterday too, footpath clearance drive was held and cleared the vendors who were conducting business on footpaths again and warned of imposing fines on them if they conduct business on footpaths again.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that footpath clearance drive will go on for a week on D. Devaraj Urs Road, Shivarampet Road, Dhanvantri Road, Ashoka Road, Irwin Road, K.T. Street and B.N. Road.

ODP rally tomorrow to protest Manipur violence

Mysuru, July 23 - City's Organisation for the Development of People (ODP) will be taking out a rally in city tomorrow (July 24) in protest against Manipur violence.

The rally will commence at 10 am from the SP Office Circle near Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad and will pass through Shanthaveri Gopala Gowda Hospital Circle and Male Mahadeshwara Road (Bannur Road) to reach the new Deputy Commissioner's Office, where a memorandum will be presented seeking stern punishment for the culprits.

For further details, call Ph: 0821-2494195 or 2497838.

Miraculous escape for three as huge tree crashes on M.G. Road

Mysuru, July 23 (SBD&DM)- Three persons had a providential escape when a huge tree got uprooted and fell on the ground near JSS Hospital on M.G. Road in the city yesterday. The tree fell on two scooters, a bike and a car, damaging them.

Details: Medical Representatives Mahesh, Santosh and Sunil stood talking after parking their two-wheelers in Dewan Purnaiah Complex premises near JSS Hospital on M.G. Road at about 2.30 pm on Saturday. While they were conversing, Santosh and Sunil heard the cracking sound of a tree trunk getting broken and ran for safety while Mahesh ran to shift his bike to a safer place.

Even as Mahesh was pushing his bike to a safer place, the huge tree fell on the ground with a thunderous noise. However, Mahesh escaped unhurt as he was caught under the small branches of the tree. Mahesh was saved from head injuries as he wore a helmet. The tree trunk fell on the two scooters of Santosh and Sunil, completely damaging them. It also fell on a car parked closeby, damaging it.

The Dewan Purnaiah Complex has many Medical Shops and other commercial establishments. The patients visiting JSS Hospital and nearby health care centres visit the complex for buying medicines.

As it was a Saturday afternoon, there were few people in the Complex and this averted a major tragedy. However, the situation would have quite different had the tree fell in the morning when the Complex was abuzz with a good number of people around.

Meanwhile, the shop owners said that though the tree appeared to be full of green from outside, its trunk was hollow, which had resulted in the tree becoming weak.

Soon after receiving information about the uprooting of the tree, workers by name Shivu, Indra, Mahesh and Anand attached to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Abhaya-2 team rushed to the spot and cleared the fallen tree.

Mysore Pak among world's best street-food sweets

Mysuru, July 23 (BLU&BCT)- Mysore Pak, the renowned sweet delicacy from Mysuru, has garnered international recognition for its delectable taste. According to TasteAtlas, a travel-food magazine based in Croatia, Mysore Pak has been ranked 14th among the 50 best street-food sweets worldwide. TasteAtlas, known for its comprehensive reviews of street food globally, awarded Mysore Pak an impressive rating of 4.4.

On the same list, two other Indian desserts made their mark. Kulfi secured the 18th spot with a rating of 4.3, while kulfi falooda claimed the 32nd place with a rating of 4.1. The top five sweets on the list included Pastel De Nata from Portugal, Serabi from Indonesia, Dondurma from Turkey, Hotteok from South Korea, and Pa Thong Ko from Thailand.

However, it's important to note that the rankings have changed since the initial publication on social media on July 14, as reflected in the latest update. Kulfi falooda now occupies the 50th position, kulfi is placed 24th and Mysore Pak has moved to the 19th spot.

While the presence of three Indian desserts on the list was celebrated on social media platforms, some questioned the classification of Mysore Pak as street food since it is primarily available in shops.

D.K. Shivakumar recalls fond memories

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar expressed his pride in Mysore Pak's recognition as one of the world's finest street-food sweets. He shared personal memories of enjoying Mysore Pak with family and relatives during his childhood.

"Kannadigas are proud that Mysore Pak has been ranked 14th among the world's top 50 street sweets published by TasteAtlas. My childhood memories of sharing Mysore Pak when my father and relatives visited our home still resonate with me," he said.

Shivakumar firmly asserted that Mysore Pak belongs to Karnataka, dismissing the claims from Tamil Nadu. He emphasised the hard work of chefs in creating this culinary masterpiece, which originated in Mysore Palace which became a household delicacy.

Legend of Kakasura Madappa

Mysore Pak's history dates back to the mid-1930s when it was accidentally created in the royal kitchens of the Mysore Palace. Kakasura Madappa, the chief chef of Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, stumbled upon the sweet during an experimental cooking session. The dessert, made with besan (gram flour), ghee and sugar, into a cake-like form had impressed the king. The exact origin of the name Mysore Pak remains a subject of debate, with some attributing it to Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV and others to the creative chef Madappa.

Today, Mysore Pak continues to be a beloved icon of Karnataka, despite not having a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. The descendants of Madappa, who run Guru Sweets in Mysuru, maintain that the king encouraged the chef to open a confectionery so that everyone could savour the royal dessert.

Man who allegedly killed parents in Bengaluru held at Madikeri

He was roaming aimlessly in Madenadu forest region and was bitten by leeches

Madikeri, July 23 (PS&BCT)- The Bengaluru Police have arrested 27-year-old Sharath Survarna, who is suspected to be involved in the double murder of his elderly parents, following a three-day hunt that ended in the forests of Madenadu in Kodagu district.

Sharath was tracked down in the forest area on Friday (July 21) evening after the Police analysed CCTV footage to trace his movements. He had left his Bengaluru home on the night of the murders.

Allegedly, Sharath murdered his parents, Bhaskar (61) and Shantha (60), on Monday (July 17) night before locking up their house and escaping. The incident occurred at Kodigehalli in Bengaluru, where Bhaskar and Shantha lived with their youngest son Sharath.

Shantha was a retired Central Government employee, while Bhaskar worked as a cashier at a canteen in Khanija Bhavan. Although the family was native to Mangaluru, they had lived in Bengaluru for nearly 12 years and had two sons — Sajith and Sharath.

According to Bengaluru Police, the murders likely occurred between 8.30-9 pm on Monday. The couple suffered fatal head injuries from a blunt object. They had apparently cried out for help, but the neighbours mistook it for a routine squabble and did not pay much attention to it.

The incident came to light when the parents did not receive a call from Sajith on Tuesday morning. He called the neighbours, who informed him that the couple had not come out of their house since morning and the house was locked from the outside. Suspecting something was wrong, Sajith went to their home around 11.30 am and broke open the door, only to find his parents' dead bodies in the living room.

Bhaskar (61) and Shantha (60) and their youngest son Sharath.

Knocks doors of a house for food

The Police stated that Sharath did not carry any electronic devices with him, which hampered the investigation. However, CCTV footage showed him wandering around Bengaluru in a BMTC bus. Sharath wandered nearly 40 km around Bengaluru before boarding a KSRTC bus to Dakshina Kannada, as confirmed by the CCTV footage.

After getting off at Puttur and spending some time there, he reached Madikeri in another KSRTC bus. From there, he proceeded to Madenadu and entered the forest region. He endured the rain and leech bites, walking through the forests for two days without any food.

Eventually, Sharath knocked at the doors of a house located at the forest edge and asked for food. As his appearance aroused suspicion, the residents of the house questioned him but Sharath's answers were not convincing. Consequently, they alerted the 112-emergency response number.

The Madikeri Police later took Sharath to the District Hospital, and his identity was established when Sub-Inspector Umesh Uppalike collected more information on his computer and during Sharath's interrogation.

The Bengaluru Police had already issued a State-wide alert to apprehend Sharath and had circulated his photo. The Kodigehalli Police were informed, and a team arrived in Madikeri to take custody of Sharath.

Sharath, who is unemployed, lived reclusively on the terrace. He was known to have exhibited violent behaviour with little or no provocation in the past. His parents had warned tenants and neighbours against engaging with him or going up to the terrace where Sharath Suvarna lived. His brother Sajith said that Sharath suffered from mood swings and would behave strangely.

Peripheral Ring Road DPR tender deadline extended to Aug. 1

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&DM)- The MUDA has extended the deadline for the tender for submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the construction of Peripheral Ring Road to Aug.1.

The MUDA had invited global tenders from experienced companies/agencies on July 8 for submission of a Detailed Project Report for construction of 105 to 110 km-long Peripheral Ring Road as per the design of the proposed project and had set July 23 as the deadline. But so far, only one company had shown interest in the project and subsequently, MUDA extended the deadline to Aug. 1 in anticipation of more tenders.

Now coming to the project, MUDA has identified lands on which the Peripheral Ring Road will pass through and an alignment has already been made, while ensuring that the road does not pass through existing village and also avoid running through river, forest area, canals, lakes and other water bodies.

Accordingly, the DPR should contain details on the alternate routes to be taken in case of water bodies coming in the way, access to roads nearby that can be used, quantity of land required and total cost of the Project. Apart from this, the DPR should have details of translocation of overhead power lines, other electrical installations, compensation to be provided for felling down of fruit and other valuable trees, demolition of structures and other constructions for the purpose, construction of Over and Under Bridges, service roads, main corridor of Peripheral Ring Road and other infrastructure.

It may be mentioned that MUDA in its annual budget, had earmarked Rs. 10 crore for the DPR. Now, MUDA, which has extended the deadline, is in anticipation of a larger participation by experienced companies, which can prepare the DPR in accordance with the project specifications, with least cost.

Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championships

14 Karnataka Batallion NCC Mysore Cadets triumph

Mysuru, July 23- The National Cadets Corps (NCC) is the largest uniformed youth organisation in India, fostering discipline, leadership and teamwork among young individuals.

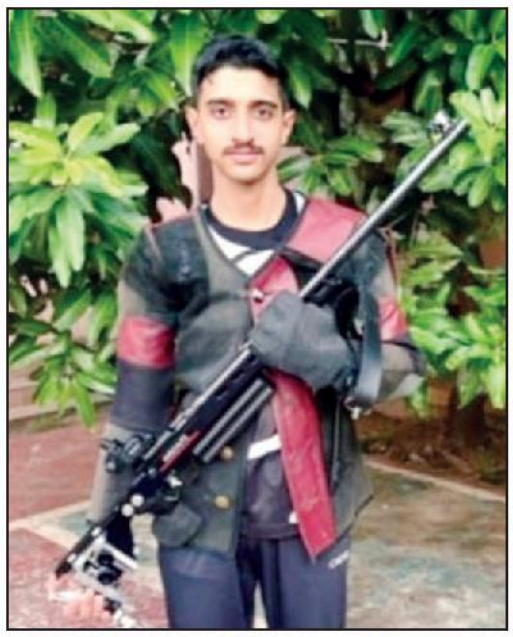
The Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championships is a prestigious annual competition for NCC that provides a platform for Cadets to showcase their marksmanship skills.

Recently, a group of exceptionally talented NCC Cadets of 14 Karnataka Battalion, Mysore, excelled and ensured that Karnataka & Goa Directorate emerge champions in Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championships held at Trivandrum, Kerala.

Their impressive marksmanship skills and unwavering dedication led them to secure the top spots in this Championship which witnessed intense competition among all seventeen NCC Directorates from across the country.

Out of 16 Cadets of Karnataka, five were from 14 Karnataka Battalion — Senior Under Officer (SUO) K.M. Rakshita of JSS Women's College, SUO Mohammed Aftab of PES College, Mandya, Junior Under Officer (JUO) P.D. Changappa of JSS College, Ooty Road, JUO Savi Kiran Holla of Excel Public School and Sergeant (SGT) K. Tejaswini of Lions West Sevaniketan School, Gokulam. They showcased their exceptional skills and precision in rifle shooting, outperforming their counterparts and achieving glory for the Directorate and the Battalion. Their consistent performance throughout the tournament highlighted their rigorous training, perseverance and commitment to excellence.

K.M. Rakshita of JSS Women's College, Mysuru.



Mohammed Aftab of PES College, Mandya.

FROM LEFT: JUO P.D. Changappa, SUO Mohammed Aftab, SGT K. Tejaswini, Colonel Manish Prasad, SUO K.M. Rakshita and JUO Savi Kiran Holla of 14 Karnataka Battalion, Mysore.

SUO Rakshita, who won Gold medal, SUO Mohammed Aftab, who got Silver and JUO Savi Kiran Holla have been selected for NCC Sports Shooting team for All India Mavlankar Championship. They will undergo further training at Mhow in MP.

Col. Manish Prasad as mentor, Sub Mukesh Kumar, Sub Lok Bahadur Shrestha and Hav Gurdeep Singh as trainers of 14 Karnataka Battalion played a vital role in nurturing the cadets' talents and helping them master the art of shooting.

The Cadets were fortunate to have these dedicated trainers and mentors who tirelessly worked with them, fine-tuning their shooting techniques and imparting valuable knowledge. The victory of 14 Karnataka Battalion NCC Mysore is not only a testament to the Cadets' individual marksmanship skills but also to their exceptional teamwork and camaraderie. The achievement of 14 Karnataka Battalion NCC Mysore serves as an inspiration to other aspiring marksmen within the NCC.

Malabar launches 'Sparkle of Heaven'

Mysuru, July 23 - Malabar Gold & Diamonds, located on B.N. Road in Mysuru, recently launched 'Sparkle of Heaven,' its latest collection from the sub-brand Mine Diamond Jewellery, in the presence of South Zonal Head & Mysore Store Head P. Sharafuddeen and their customers H.S. Nidhi, Ankitha, Lakshya, Soundarya, Nithya and Management team members.

Made for modern woman, the stunning collection showcases a harmonious union of intricate diamonds. It features unique diamonds of varied shapes skillfully incorporated into a composite design, creating the striking illusion of a larger solitaire. Each piece in this collection exudes a heavenly charm and bears a testament to the ethereal elegance of every woman.

With prices starting at just Rs. 30,000, the exquisite pieces, which include bold and simple necklaces, earrings, finger rings, bangles, bracelets and more, are the perfect choice to elevate any vibrant occasion. Be it high-profile events, glamorous cocktail nights, lively parties or celebrations of life's special moments, 'Sparkle of Heaven' has crafts matching the diverse taste and occasions of customers.

Commenting on the launch, Chairman M.P. Ahammed said "We are thrilled to introduce the 'Sparkle of Heaven' collection to our customers. We hope each jewellery piece from this collection will be cherished, just like all other exclusive collections from Malabar. This collection is yet another example of the design leadership we have been able to take in diamond category. Our continued cost-effective pricing of diamond jewellery without compromises in quality has been instrumental in winning us customers' confidence."

Bags NCC Achiever Award

Dr. S. Mamatha of Mysuru seen receiving NCC Achiever Award from Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh, NCC Director General as Girish Nishana, President, NCC Alumni Club, New Delhi, looks on.

Mysuru, July 23- NCC Achievers Award-2023 ceremony was organised by NCC Alumni Club, New Delhi, on the occasion of NCC Foundation Day and to commemorate the completion of 75 years of National Cadet Corps at Delhi on July 15.

Out of 788 nominations, 22 ex-NCC Cadets from across the country were presented with these awards by Director General, NCC, Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh at NCC Directorate Auditorium, Delhi Cantonment.

Dr. Sathyanarayana Mamatha, Assistant Professor of De Paul Degree College, Mysuru, received the prestigious National NCC Achievers Award-2023 for her commendable contribution to wildlife conservation education and as an inspirational leader for making extraordinary contribution towards nation-building as an ex-NCC Cadet.

Dr. Mamatha was a Cadet of 3 Kar Girls NCC Unit, Mysore.

'Online language courses from CIIL soon'

55th Foundation Day celebrations of Central Institute of Indian Languages held

Mysuru, July 23 (BCT)- City-based Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) is gearing up to launch its online language courses soon, said CIIL Director Prof. Shailendra Mohan during the institute's 55th Foundation Day celebrations recently.

"CIIL's mission is to promote all languages of India, irrespective of their status and contribute to the nation's emotional integration. We play a vital role in language policy and planning, offering research, coordination and academic outreach programmes. The institute's achievements include publishing books, producing language learning courses, films, and radio programmes in Indian languages," he said.

With an extensive archive of 200 languages and mother-tongues of India, as well as a collection of over 1,200 published books, audio-backed courses, films, documentaries and radio programmes in various Indian languages, CIIL is ready to expand its reach through digital platforms. Apart from the online offerings, CIIL will continue to provide courses in 20 Indian languages at its regional centres, he added.

A cornerstone for linguistic exploration

"CIIL boasts of an extensive repertoire of research and pedagogical materials for Indian languages, alongside endeavours in language technology, book promotion, digitisation of text and audio-visual materials and language data archiving. With a vast array of lexical resources such as dictionaries, glossaries and thesauri, CIIL stands as a cornerstone for linguistic exploration," he added.

One of CIIL's proudest accomplishments lies in its role as a training centre, having empowered over 15,000 in-service and prospective teachers from across India. Seven regional centres diligently focus on enhancing proficiency in second and third languages, fostering a profound impact on language education, Prof. Shailendra Mohan added.

"Looking ahead, we aim to focus on '6Ts': Teaching, Training, Translation, Technology, Testing, and Transition. By developing teaching materials, offering training to teachers, promoting translation and technology, and conducting proficiency tests, CIIL seeks to enhance language development and capacity building," he added. He stressed the need for creating a wide range of teaching and learning materials for Bharatiya Bhashas (Indian languages), both online and on-site, catering to people in India and abroad.

The institute aims to train pre-service and in-service language and subject teachers, master trainers, textbook writers, examiners and experts engaged in language assessment and evaluation, utilising technological advancements. The objective is to make teachers proficient in multiple languages and experts in their respective subject languages, he added.

Highlighting the significance of developing content in contemporary languages through translation and creative writing and embracing technological advancements. Prof. Shailendra Mohan also proposed conducting 'Minimum Proficiency Tests' (MPT) in all Bharatiya Bhashas, certifying language proficiency for educational and employment purposes.

Teaching of Indian languages must be accessible, attractive

Padma Shri Chamu Krishna Shastry says Indian languages foster unity in the country's diverse cultural landscape

Mysuru, July 23 (BCT)- Chairman of High-Powered Committee for the Promotion of Indian Languages, Union Ministry of Education, *Padma Shri* Chamu Krishna Shastry was the chief guest at CIIL's 55th Foundation Day celebrations.

Chamu Krishna Shastry

Speaking in the context of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Shastry pointed out the need to embrace technological advancements in language education. As technology evolves rapidly, he stressed the importance of harnessing its potential to enhance language teaching, testing and other aspects of language education. He proposed the establishment of the "Technology For, In, and Through Indian Languages (FIT) Summit," a platform to discuss these issues with stakeholders, with CIIL at the helm.

Addressing the pressing concern of a shift towards English medium education among 10 percent of students in just two years, Shastry underscored the urgency to preserve multilingualism. With many younger individuals becoming increasingly monolingual, incentivising and making Indian language teaching more accessible and attractive are vital goals, he said.

He called upon CIIL to take up the mantle of language education, promotion and preservation in India, aiming to become a prominent name in the field of language research, gaining commercial popularity. Chamu Krishna Shastry envisioned languages as unifying forces, fostering unity in India's diverse cultural landscape.

PM Modi's vision of language

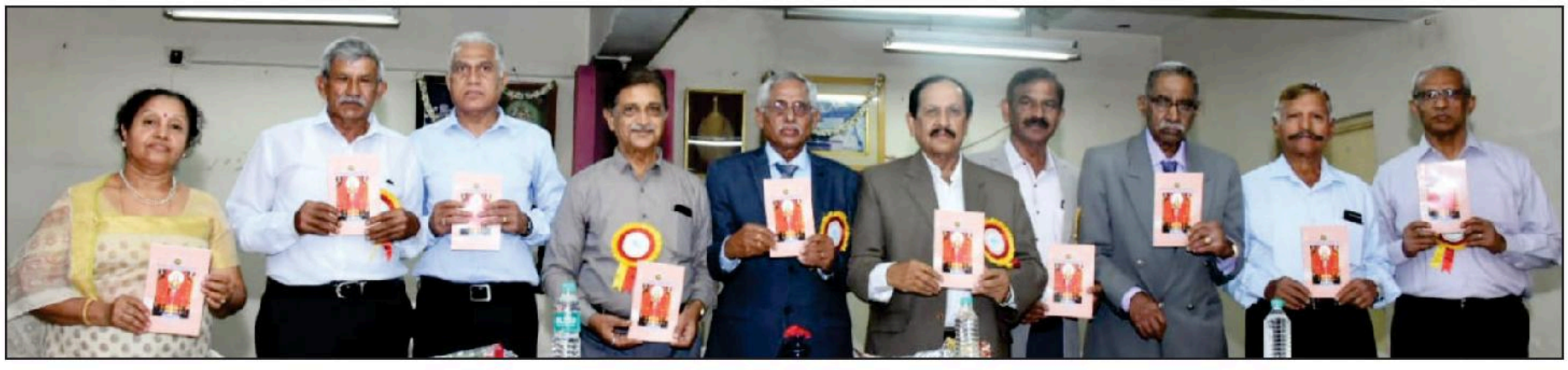
Highlighting the legacy of colonial rule in the division through language politics, Shastry stressed the need for unification through language, drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of languages as a force to bring people together. He pointed out the historical use of multiple languages in India, with many manuscripts remaining untranslated due to the widespread understanding of various Indian languages.

In the pursuit of unity, Shastry called for an increase in the common core vocabulary shared by all Indian languages, particularly incorporating new technology terms. He advocated for provisions allowing students to learn in any language across various fields of study, promoting curriculum availability in different languages to facilitate communication in diverse domains.

Additionally, Shastry emphasised the importance of fostering translation between Indian languages and utilising them as mediums for teaching technical subjects.

He encouraged language experts to not only focus on literature but also act as activists in realising the country's interests.

Kuvempunagar Kodava Residents Assn. directory released



The 22nd Annual get-together of Kuvempunagar Kodava Residents Association, Mysuru was held on July 16 at Kodava Samaja's Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Community Hall in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here. On the occasion, Association directory was released. *Seen in the picture are from left:* ***Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, President, Shri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha; Byretira Ganapathy, Association Past Secretary; Mukkatira B. Jeevan, Kodava Samaja Hon. Secretary; Machanda Raja Muthappa, Association Secretary; Voterira B. Medappa (Vittal), Association President; Mechanda Shashi Ponnappa, Samaja President; Madapanda Lala Appachu, Association Vice-President; Balyamanda Nanaiah, Past President; Moovera Kuttappa, Past President and Ithichanda Kalappa, Association Past President.***

Rotary Central Mysore team

The installation ceremony of Rotary Central Mysore was held recently at Hotel Pai Vista. *Sitting from left:* ***Rtn. M.D. Praveen Pal - Zonal Lieutenant, Rtn. H.S. Venkatesh - Assistant Governor, Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat - Past District Governor, Rtn. N. Umesh - President 2023-24, Rtn. Dr. Prathap Kumar Shetty - Immediate Past President and Rtn. Prem Sagar - Hon. Secretary 2023-24;*** *Standing from left:* ***Rtn PDG A.R. Ravindra Bhat - Advisor, Rtn. Jyothi Ashok - Director International Service, Rtn. Rajesh Darira - Editor, Rtn. M.S. Vinod - Youth Service, Rtn. Shashikanth Surya Vamshi - Director Community Service, Rtn. Antony Moses - Vice-President, Rtn. Anil Padki - Director Vocational Service, Rtn. Subramanya Tantri - President-Elect, Rtn. Samarth Vaidya - Joint Secretary, Rtn.Dinesh - Sergeant-At-Arms, Rtn.Kiran Shaan - Editor and Rtn. M.S. Jayaprakash - Advisor.***

New office-bearers of Rotary Mysore East

Mysuru, July 23- Rotary Mysore East had its installation and Charter Nite at Dasaprakash Paradise in Yadavagiri recently. Rtn. Dr. B.R. Pai was the chief guest and Installing Officer while Assistant Governor Rtn. Anand was the guest of honour.

On the occasion, 19 Board of Directors were installed for the year 2023-24 and 4 Charter members were honoured.

President - Rtn. Nagendra Muralidhar, Secretary - Rtn. Indira Ballal, Imm. Past President - Rtn. Shakuntala Elizabeth, President-Elect & Vice-President - Rtn. Rohith Subbaiah, Treasurer - Rtn. Sriram, Joint Secretary - Rtn. Sashi Kumar, Club Service Director - Rtn. Arvind, Community Service - Rtn. Anand, Vocational Service - Rtn. Kishore Bidappa, International Service - Rtn. Malini Srinivasan, Youth Service - Rtn. Mamatha, Sergeant-At-Arms - Rtn. Suresh, Chairman -Web & Editor - Rtn. Shekar, TRF - Rtn. Renu Yamdagni, Sports Committee Chairman - Rtn. Vijaya Ramesh, Polio - Rtn. Dr. Kumaraswamy, District Projects - Rtn. Nirmal Kumar, Fellowship Chairman - Rtn. Deepak and Sub-Editor - Rtn. Nishwin.

Lions Club of Mysore Midtown team

The new team of office-bearers of Lions Club of Mysore Midtown was installed by First Vice-District Governor Ln. N. Subramanya, PMJF, in a glittering function held at a hotel in city recently. A sum of Rs. 90,000 was handed over to Club Trust towards service activities, apart from handing over a cheque for Rs. 10,001 to a needy patient for his medical treatment. Seen in the photo are: Zone Chairperson Ln. Prasanna, First Vice-President Ln. Ramesh, Secretary Ln. Udayakumar, District Chairman Ln. Bhaskar, Installing Officer Ln. N. Subramanya, President Ln. Sudarshan, First Lion Lady Jayamala, Region Chairperson Ln. Ramesh, District Chairman Ln. Gopalswamy, Treasurer Ln. Rajanikanth, Communication Co-ordinator Ln. Chandrahas and Director Ln. Anil Modi.

Charter Day of Rotary Mysore Royal

The Charter Day of Rotary Mysore Royal was celebrated at Bamboo Multi-cuisine Restaurant recently. Dr. Arun Srinivas, Chief Cardiologist and HoD, Apollo Heart Institute, Mysuru, was the chief guest. Picture shows Past Presidents of the Club along with guests. *Standing from left:* ***Rtn. Johnson Joseph, Rtn. Nagesh R. Hansoge, Rtn. Sriprakash R. Hansoge (ZL, Zone 8 Dist. 3181), Rtn. Premanand D'Mello (Assistant Governor, Zone 8, Dist. 3181), chief guest Dr. Arun Srinivas, Rtn. Dr. A.M. Dhananjaya (President 2022-23), Rtn. K. Hanumantha Rao (Secretary 2022-23), Rtn. Nagendra Prasad (President 2023-24), Rtn. N.P. Balaji (Secretary 2023-24), Rtn. Pius Saldanha and Rtn. P.N. Shridhara.***

Mysore Varsity degree exams postponed

Mysuru, July 23 (GA&TRR)- The students' protest, seeking postponement of degree exams of University of Mysore (UoM) citing non-completion of lessons because of holidays, has met with success as Varsity authorities have postponed the examinations to Aug.1.

Degree students of various Colleges led by the District Committee of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) had staged a protest in front of Crawford Hall, the administrative office of the Varsity on July 17 and again on July 21 urging UoM authorities to postpone the examinations.

"The classes were conducted barely for two months, with the syllabus remaining incomplete which was the reason for anxiety among students. Hence the students had demanded to issue a circular for postponing the exams. They also alleged that the lessons which should have been completed in four months, were completed in just two months, that too inadequately. We don't want several months time, give us at least another 15 days time," the protestors had demanded.

Responding positively to the protest held on July 17, UoM Registrar had assured them that the University will take a decision in this regard in two days. When that did not happen, students again assembled at Crawford Hall and demanded that a circular be issued immediately. The Registrar then announced that the examination has been postponed to Aug.1. The District AIDSO Committee had termed it as a victory for students protest.

President of AIDSO District Committee Subhash, Secretary Chandrakala, office-bearers Nithin, Swathi, Chandrika, Hemalatha and students from Maharani's, Maharaja's and Government Degree College, Kuvempunagar participated.

Heritage Walk on first Saturday of every month

Mysuru, July 23- As part of creating awareness among students and the general public on heritage structures, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage will be conducting a Heritage Walk on the first Saturday of every month. The walk will commence at 6.30 am and interested members of public can register for free at the Department Office in the premises of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (Doddakere Maidan), according to a press release.

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Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	:	2.10 pm, 9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 23)

- **The Jewellery Show:** Exclusive jewellery exhibition, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, M.G. Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** Silver Jubilee of National Nirantara Kalemane Festival (on completion of 25 months) and 'Kalemane Kalashree' National Awards Ceremony, awardees are: T.S. Nagaraja Upadhyaya, Isro retd. and Vidushi Leelavathi N. Upadhyaya, Founder-Director, Leela Natya Kalavrunda, Bengaluru; 'Abhinava Krishna' Kundurthy Venkatakrishna and 'Nrithyakala Thapaswini' Dr. Anuradha Durbhakla (Kundurthy); Rajesh Sanke and Sunitha Sanke, Dance Choreographer and Folk Singer, Founder-President, Tara Arts Academy, Hyderabad; Kaluva Chandrashekar Rao, Managing Trustee, Recon International Charitable Trust, Hyderabad and Dr. Tirumala Aravinda, Associate Professor, Nagarjuna Government Degree College, Telangana; Performers of the evening are: Bharatanatyam by Guru 'Karnataka Kalashree' Dr. K. Kumar and his disciples (Kumar Performing Arts Centre); Bharatanatyam Duet by Dr. E. Vidyalakshmi (Lng Academy of Dance), Payyanaur, Kerala and Haritha Thamban (Assistant Professor, Lasya College of Fine Arts); 'Bhava Sangama,' a unique presentation by Guru Vidushi Aarathi Arun and her disciples (Shri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrithyalaya Charitable Trust, Mysuru); Bharatanatyam and Tiruvathirakali by disciples of Guru Ramya Easwar Kumar (Kala Munch, Bengaluru); Bharatanatyam by Pavithra Prashanth and disciples (Founder-Director, Pranavanjali Academy for Performing Arts, Bengaluru); Bharatanatyam by Vidwan G. Vincent Paul and disciples (Artistic Director, Sphurana Nritya Kala Kendra, Bengaluru), Kalemane Sabhaangana in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**
- **Muddrama Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Conferring of 'Muddurama Award' on noted Kannada Orator Hiremagalur Kannan ('Kannadada Pujari') and 'Muddurama Puraskara' on Choupadi writer M. Muttuswamy, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, noted columnist Dr. Gururaj Karajagi and humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda chief guests, veteran scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry presides, Hiremagalur Kannan's book 'Muddurama Lahari' and Shwetha Prakash's work 'Padma Pallava' (a collection of Chaupadis) will be released, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College premises, Saraswathipuram, **4.15 pm.**
- **R. Kumar of H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga:** World Environment Day, distribution of saplings (Krishna Tulasi, Mysuru Betel Leaf, Amruthaballi, Insulin plant, Curry Leaves, Doddapatre, Aloe Vera, Ranakalli, Lemon, Kamakasthuri, Hibiscus, Pomegranate, Aadusoge, Parijatha, Papaya and Guava) to general public free of cost, Sumasopana Park, Vishwamanava Double Road, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 98452-75741]
- **Sri Guru Puttaraja (SGP) Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Late Pt. K.S. Hadapada Memorial Music Programme and presentation of 'Pt. K.S. Hadapada Award-2023' to Pt. Satlingappa Desai Kallur; Mass Tabla Recital by students of SGP Sangeetha Vidyalaya, **5.30 pm;** Stage programme - Award presentation, Dr. Jayadevi Jangamashetti, Assistant Professor, Music and Fine Arts Department, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, inaugurates, M.V. Ramaprasad, Corporator and Hon. President, SGP Sangeetha Sabha, presides, C.S. Janardhan, Treasurer, Ganabharathi and S.R. Hemalatha, Principal, GSSS, chief guests, **6 pm;** Music programme, vocal concert by Vijayalakshmi Pujera (Kalaburagi), accompanied by Bheemashankar Bidanur (Mysuru) on tabla, Mrutyunjaya Hiremath (Mysuru) on harmonium, **7 pm;** Tabla Solo by the awardee; Tabla Jugalbandi by Pt. Satlingappa Desai Kallur, Malemallesh Hugar and Raghunandanana Gopal Hugar, accompanied by Bhagyashree Hugar on lehra, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Balakanda' by Vid. Srinidhi Acharya Pyati, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' directed by Prashanth Hiremath, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99646-56482]
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Sakubai' by Nudiranga, written in Hindi by Nadira Babbar, translated to Kannada by Dr. D.S. Chougale, directed by Hulugappa Kattimani, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Aduge Maneyallondu Huli,' written by B. Suresh and directed by Megha Sameer, Natana School of Theatre Arts premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 24)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Maharani's Science College for Women and Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka:** Valedictory of Cultural, Sports, NSS, Rangers and Red Cross Unit activities, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, upcoming actor & singer Aditi Sagar chief guest, Maharani's Science College for Women Principal Dr. D. Ravi presides, Kalamantapa, College premises, JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
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Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	11.00 am
Don Kumar (K)	(S-4)	11.40 am
Ambuja (K)	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Paramvah (K)	(S-4)	5.20 pm
Devara Kanassu (K)	(S-4)	7.50 pm
Valatty (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm

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Rapid Chess Tournament

Bengaluru, July 23- Karnataka School of Chess (KSC), in association with Orion Mall, is conducting KSC-Rapid Chess Tournament on July 29 at Orion Avenue Mall, Sevanagar, Bengaluru.

Players from Bengaluru and surrounding districts can participate in the tournament.

Players can visit ***www.karnatakachess.com*** to register before July 27. Prizes would be given in Open and Age Group category (Under-8, U-10, U-12 and U-15 years of age).

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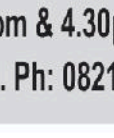

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